	Country/Mission/Post	2001	2002	2003
101.	United Kingdom (Birmingham)	0	0	0
102.	United Kingdom (Edinburgh)	0	2	3
103.	United Kingdom (London)	0	2	6
104.	USA (Chicago)	17	38	26
105.	USA (New York)	100	113	129
106.	USA (Washington)	25	30	43
107.	Uzbekistan	0	0	0
108.	Venezuela	0	3	2
109.	Vietnam (Hanoi)	0	0	0
110.	Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh City)	1	0	0
111.	Yugoslavia	1	0	1
112.	Zambia	0	0	1
	TOTAL:	3281	3580	3674

Countries without Indian Embassies

†*132. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries which do not have Indian Embassies or consulates;

(b) whether Government are contemplating to establish Indian Embassies and Consulates in those countries; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) At present, there are resident Indian Embasses/High Commissions in 114 member countries of the United Nations (UN). In addition, 84 countries where there are no resident Indian Missions, the bilateral relations of these countries with India are looked after by neighbouring resident Indian Missions on the basis of concurrent accreditation or other arrangements.

The Government initiates proposals for opening resident Indian Missions/ Posts based on the overall assessment of India's interests in the region and the foreign country concerned. The Government of India also receives proposals to open resident Indian Missions from time-to-time from countries where there are no resident Missions. The opening of resident Indian Missions is also guided by available human and financial resources of the Ministry. All decisions to open resident Indian Missions are taken with the approval of the highest authority in the Government.

As part of an ongoing process of opening resident Indian Missions, the Government recently re-opened a resident Indian Mission in Afghanistan, Consulates in Kandahar and Jalalabad, and new Consulates in Herat and Mazar-e-Sharif, and new Consulates in Mandalay (Myanmar) and Birgunj (Nepal) during the last three years.

Items reserved for SSIs

†*137. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to continuous reduction in the reservation list by Government, the manufacturing of only 675 items now remain in the reservation list of small industries; and

(b) if not, the number of these items and the names of these 675 items which can be manufactured only by small scale industries in the country?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The number Of items (675) hitherto reserved for manufacture by the small scale industries has now been reduced to 605 (list of items enclosed at Annexure-l"). *[See* Appendix 203 Annexure No.8]

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